## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:

a first fiber bundle formed of a plurality of substantially parallel laid fibers, said fibers being oriented substantially normal to a cross section of said fiber bundle, at least about 5% of the plurality of fibers comprising fibers having a tensile breaking strength of at least about 10 g/Denier, the fiber bundle being constructed such that upon exposure to a fabric dye, the fiber bundle is dyed to an essentially visually uniform color density.

## Claims 2-6 (Canceled)

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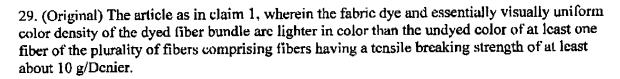
8. (Original) The article as in claim 1, wherein the at least about 5% of the plurality of fibers comprising fibers having a tensile breaking strength of at least about 10 g/Denier are formed of a material selected from the group consisting of: para-aramids; liquid crystal polyesters; ultra-high molecular weight polyethylenes; and poly(p-phenylene-2,6-benzobisoxazole) (PBO).

## Claims 9-16 (Canceled)

- 17. (Previously Amended) The article as in claim 1, wherein at least one fiber of the plurality has a tensile breaking strength of less than about 10 g/Denier and said fiber is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of: polyamides; cellulosic materials; polyesters; acrylic polymers; and polyolefins.
- 18. (Original) The article as in claim 1, wherein the fabric dye is selected from the group consisting of: cationic dyes; anionic dyes; and polyester dyes.
- 19. (Original) The article as in claim 1, wherein the fiber bundle is formed of a plurality of spun staple fibers.
- 20. (Original) The article as in claim 19, wherein the fiber bundle is formed by a Cotton System spinning process and the length of the staple fibers does not exceed about 2 inches.
- 21. (Original) The article as in claim 19, wherein the fiber bundle is formed by a Worsted System spinning process and the length of the staple fibers exceeds about 2 inches.
- 22. (Original) The article as in claim 19, wherein the fiber bundle has a primary twist multiplier of at least about 2.7.

## Claims 23-27 (Canceled)

28. (Original) The article as in claim 19, wherein any given cross-section of the fiber bundle along its length includes therein between about 60 and about 100 fibers.



Claims 30-34 (Withdrawn)

- 35. (Original) A woven fabric at least partly formed of the fiber bundle as recited in claim 1.
- 36. (Original) An article of apparel at least partly formed of the woven fabric as recited in claim 35.
- 37. (Original) The article of apparel as in claim 36, wherein the article of apparel is selected from the group consisting of: gloves; aprons; chaps; pants; boots; gators; shirts; jackets; coats; socks; shoes; undergarments; vests; waders; hats; and gauntlets.

38. (Previously Amended) A method comprising the step of:

dying a fiber bundle formed of a plurality of substantially parallel laid fibers, said fibers being oriented substantially normal to a cross section of said fiber bundle, at least about 5% of the plurality of fibers comprising high tenacity fibers having a tensile breaking strength of at least about 10g/Denier, with a fabric dye to form a dyed fiber bundle having an essentially visually uniform dye color density.

39. (Withdrawn)

Claims 40-43 (Canceled)

Claims 44-47 (Withdrawn)

Claims 48-56 (Canceled)

57. (Withdrawn)

Claims 58-61 (Canceled)

62. (Withdrawn)

Claims 63-66 (Canceled)

Claims 67-78 (Withdrawn)